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Patek Philippe launched this model, known as Ref. 1593, in 1944, and in the years since its elegant flared sides—it's also known as the Hourglass—have made it a favorite among collectors, who value the unorthodox shape. Patek stopped making rectangular models in the 1960s, and the earlier ones are in particular demand. "The resale interest for Pateks is concentrated in the 1940s, '50s and '60s," says New York philanthropist Fiona Druckenmiller, whose Upper East Side boutique, F.D., regularly rotates through its typical stock of about 30 vintage Pateks.

